REMARKS

Claims 1-34, of which only claim 1 is an independent claim, are currently pending. Claims 29-34 are withdrawn from consideration. In the current Office Action, claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over US 5,576,948 to Stern in view of US 6,504,569 to Jasinischi. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 of the application claims an optical imaging system comprising "a taking lens system" from which both an imaging camera and a 3D camera receive light and "a light control system that controls an amount of light from the taking lens that reaches at least one of the 3D camera and the imaging camera without affecting an amount of light that reaches the other of the 3D camera and the imaging camera".

The applicant agrees with the Examiner that Stern has "a light control system that controls an amount of light from the taking lens that reaches at least one of the 3D camera and the imaging camera without affecting an amount of light that reaches the other of the camera". However, Stern's imaging camera and 3D camera do not share a same taking lens. Since neither does Jasinischi teach a 3D camera sharing a taking lens with a 2D camera, the combination of Stern and Jasinischi do not and cannot provide the limitation in claim 1 of a same taking lens for both cameras and therefore do not support a prima facie obviousness rejection of the claim.

In view of the above, applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over the cited art, claims dependent on claim 1 are patentable at least through their dependence on claim 1 and that the application is therefore in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner feels that the claims are not allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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